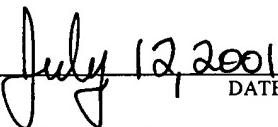


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP00/08452	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE November 30, 2000	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED November 30, 1999
TITLE OF INVENTION CHARACTER-RECOGNITION PRE-PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Hiroshi Kakutani, et al.		
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Applicants submit herewith for filing an application under 35 U.S.C. §371, including the Transmittal Letter to the United States Designating/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (Form PTO-1390), the English translation of the above-identified application, including drawings, Preliminary Amendment, Request for International Patent Application as filed (PCT/RO/101), and International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/210).

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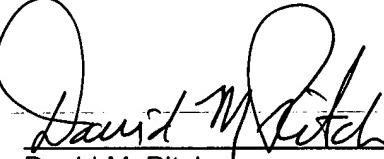
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